



By the King.

His MAJESTIES Gracious Proclamation to the Cities of London and Westminster.



Whereas amongst other Arts used by the Promoters of this horrid and desperate Rebellion against Us, great Industry and Subtily hath been applied to corrupt Our Subjects of Our Cities of London and Westminster, first by engaging them in factions and Tumults, to awe the Members of both Our Houses of Parliament who would not consent to their seditious Designs; Then by perswading them to Loans and Contributions for the maintenance of the Army now in Rebellion against Us, upon pretence that the same was raised for the defence of Our Person, The Protestant Religion, The Laws of the Land, and Priviledge of Parliament (Whereas in truth it is for the destruction of them all) by their yielding obedience to, and executing the pretended Ordinance of the Militia: And lastly, by infusing into them a desperate sense of their own Condition, and that we are so much incensed against them for the Premises, that we intend to plunder, and give up the wealth of those Our Cities as a prey to Our Souldiers: We do hereby declare, That we are yet far from being so much incensed against those Our Cities as these men desire to be beleev'd, and in truth have endeavoured to make us; but we beleebe that those Tumults were contrived by the persons whom we have formerly accused of that practice, and raised out of the meanest and poorest People of those Our Cities and Suburbs, without the privacy and consent of the best and substantiall Citizens and Inhabitants, and that the Loans and Contributions which have been since raised, (though they have passed more generally then we expected from the duty and sobriety of men of fortunes and understanding) have been wrested and extorted from them by Threats and Menaces, and fear of plundering and violence. And therefore we do hereby offer Our free and gracious Pardon to all the Citizens and Inhabitants of Our said Cities of London and Westminster for all offences concerning the Premises committed against us before the publishing of this Our Proclamation, (except all those Persons whom we have excepted in Our Declaration of the twelfth of August, and except Alderman Fulke, and Captain Manwaring, against all which we shall proceed according to the rules of Law, as against Traitors and stirrers of Sedition against us) and we do assure them in the word of a King, that no violence shall be offered by Our Army, or any part of it to any of them, not doubting but their demeanour will henceforward be such, that we shall not be compelled to bring Our Army against them.

Provided that this Our Grace shall not extend to any Person, who after the publishing this Our Proclamation shall presume by Loan or Contribution to assist the said Army of Rebels, to assemble and muster themselves in Arms without Authority derived from us under Our hand, or to enter into any Oath of Association for the Assistance of the Earl of Essex, how speciously soever the same be pretended for Our safety: for since the encounter on Sunday the 23th of this Moneth, where they used all possible means and malice to have destroyed us, and where it pleased God to give us so great a victory over them (though with the losse of many worthy men) no man can be unsatisfied in the mischief and malice of their Rebellion. And therefore we must, and do declare, That whosoever shall henceforward by Money, Plate, or otherwise assist the said Rebellion, shall take Arms by vertue of any pretended Ordinance, or shall enter into any Oath of Association against us, or without Our Consent, shall be esteemed by us as an enemy to the publick Peace, a person disaffected to us, the Religion and Law of the Kingdom, and shall accordingly receive condigne punishment; of which we give them timely notice, that they may proceed accordingly at their perils. And to the end that they may receive all possible and particular assurance from us of Our gracious Intentions towards them, we shall be willing that such a number of grave and substantiall Citizens be imployed from Our said City to us, as shall by them be thought fit, who may propose such things to us on their behalf as shall be desired, to which we shall give a gracious and just Answer. And we do assure them and all the world, that as the Scandalls and Imputations upon us concerning Our favouring of Papists have been groundlesse, and maliciously contrived by the Authours of this Rebellion to beget a misunderstanding between us and Our Subjects, so all the professions we have made in Our severall Declarations for the suppression of Popery, and the maintenance of the true reformed Protestant Religion established in the Church of England, and for the defence of the Lawes of the Land, and the just Priviledges of Parliament, shall be as inviolably observed by us, as we expect blessing from the Almighty God, and obedience from Our Subjects.

Given at Our Court at Ayns this 27. of October in the eighteenth yeer of Our Raigae.

God save the King.

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